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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Gary J. Bridger

Serial No.:

09/535,314

Filing Date:

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For:

CHEMOKINE RECEPTOR BINDING

HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS

Examiner: Not yet assigned.

Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A compound according to Formula I:

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V (CR¹R²)_nArCR³R⁴N(R⁵)(CR⁶R⁷)_n,R

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(I)

wherein, W is a nitrogen atom and Y is void or, W is a carbon atom and Y=H;

 R^1 to R^7 may be the same or different and are independently [selected from] hydrogen or straight, branched or cyclic C_{1-6} alkyl;